

Remarks/Arguments

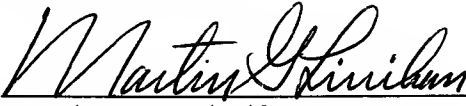
The allowance of claims 12, 14 and 23-25 is acknowledged with appreciation. The provisional allowance of claims 5-11 also is acknowledged with appreciation. In this connection, claims 8 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 26 and 27, respectively, claims 6 and 7 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 23 and claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 27. Payment of the fee for additional independent claims is enclosed.

Allowed claim 24 has been amended slightly to call for the dynodes being discrete. Support for this amendment is found, for example, on page 10 at line 5 of the instant application.

In response to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 13 and 15 have been cancelled. In response to paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action, claim 16 has been cancelled.

Favorable action on this application is respectfully  
requested.

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